PCPIR

2653. Dr. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether government, have approved the policy for Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Regions (PCPIR), which are expected to be many times bigger than the SEZ and each PCPIR would be spread over 25,000 hectares;

(b) whether Government have already approved his Ministry's proposal to build PCPIRs; and

(c) if so, how many such projects are likely to be approved alongwith the size thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The policy for setting up (PCPIR) has been published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), Part I, Section 1, dated 4th April, 2007. The ,same is also available on the web-site of the Department, *www.chemicals.nic.in.*

(c) The proposals from interested State Governments will be considered in terms of this policy. The policy does not prescribe the number of PCPIRs to be setup.

Price rise of drugs

2654. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have empowered drug price regulator National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority to take action against pharma companies which increase prices of products by more than 10 per cent in a year;

(b) whether the pharma industry at present is free to increase the prices of non-Scheduled medicines as drugs prices are not fixed by Government up to 20 per, cent in a year; and

(c) if so, whether the Department of Chemicals has asked NPPA to keep track of all non-Scheduled drugs, whose prices have gone up by more than 10% in a year and take regulatory action against those companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The pharma industry at present is free to increase the prices of non Scheduled formulations upto 10% during a period of 12 months.

(c) In case of non-Scheduled formulations NPPA only monitors the price movement and if there is any price increase by more than 10% in one year and the annual turnover of the formulation pack exceeds RS.1 crore, further, the share of the formulator in the segment of the formulation is required to be at least 20% of the market or the medicine is first 3 top medicines of that group, then the case is

taken up for further examination and if required prices are fixed in public interest under Para 10(b) of DPCO,95,.

Availability of natural gas

2655. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demand, indigenous availability and allocation of natural gas to fertilizer sector for the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) the projected availability of natural gas in the country in future and the sources thereof;

(c) the estimated requirement of natural gas for various debottlenecking, expansions, Naphtha/FO/LSHS conversion and revamping proposal of 8 closed units of HFC and FCI; and

(d) the steps taken for making the required quantity of gas available to the fertilizer sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) The demand-supply of natural gas for last three years is given below :–

(in MMSCMD)

Year	Requirement for 100% gas based capacity	Actual supply
2004-05	33.32	23.79
2005-06	34.60	27.66
2006-07	36.33	28.6

(b) The availability of natural gas in the country in future as projected by Working Group on Petroleum and Natural Gas fo, Eleventh Plan is as below.

(in MMSCMD)

Sources	2007-08	2011-12
ONGC+OIL (A)	57.28	51.08
Pvt./JVs (Certified by DGH) (B)	23.26	57.22
Additional gas anticipated (not certified by DGH yet) (C)		94.00
Total LNG supply (D)	30.45	83.12
Total Projected Supply		
Conservative scenario (A+B+C)	110.99	191.42
Optimistic Scenario (A+B+C+D)	110.99	285.42